SHRI SURESH KALMADI : I want a commitment from the Government that they will consider the feeble request of the Government of Maharashtra to give gas to Uran.

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA : Sir, my friend has alleged that we are discriminating against Maharashtra and that we are not supplying gas to Uran. That is not correct. We had never agreed to supply gas to Uran on a permanent basis. What we did agree was that we would supply gas to Uran on a fall-back basis. That means that we committed that the requirements of gas users are met and, if surplus gas is available, in that case we would certainly look to the needs of Uran. That we are doing In spite of all the pressure we are taking care that the MSEB gets whatever surplus gas is available with us and we do not want to discriminate; rather we want to help the MSEB for the purpose of power generation. With regard to laying of the pipeline, this question was gone into by a Committee of Experts and the Committee of Experts advised against it and, therefore, in view of the larger... *(Interruptions)*... I am not yielding...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SURESH KALMADI : You reconsider. . .*(Interruptions)*. . .

MR. CHAIRMAN : Don't record anything ... *(Interruptions)*...If one of you speaks we can have it recorded. If three of you speak at the same time, it cannot be recorded. Therefore, please, you must allow the Minister to give his answer. Then if there is time, you can raise it.

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA : It is not true that we are sending it to U P .

SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Where else?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Implementation of Hathi Committee Report

*2. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS :
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Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that though the Hathi Committee coupled with Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 and Drug Policy statements of 1978 provided Government with an adequate mechanism to regulate the drug industry in the best interest of the country, most of the recommendations and provisions remained un-implemented ;

(b) what are the details of major recommendations of Hathi Committee not agreed to by Government as well as details of provisions of 1978 Drug Policy and 1979 Drugs Price Control Order not implemented by Government along with the reasons in each case;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to non-implementation of the provisions, not only the drug companies installed unauthorised plant and machinery, produced without any authority but overcharged the consumer also and made huge unintended benefits; and

(d) whether any such instances have come to Government's notice and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Of the 104 paragraphs of the Drug Policy statement, 1978, all but 19 paragraphs have been fully implemented. Some of these 19 paragraphs have also been partially im-

plemented. The non/partial implementation is due to the reasons such as the lack of power under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 as well as practical problems experienced during implementation.

The decisions of the Government on the Hathi Commitee were announced in the Statement of Drug Policy, which was laid on the Table of the House on 24th April, 1978.

(c) No Sir The implementation of the Drugs Price Control Order (DPCO), 1979 has helped to moderate the prices of drugs and pharmaceuticals. However, in actual implementation of DPCO 1979 a number of legal and administrative problem are being encountered. Government have therefore, taken up a review of the 1978 Drug Policy.

(d) Some instances of violation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 have come to the notice of the Government. Appropriate action is being taken.

Plant Load Factor of Power Stations

*5. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the plant load factor of power stations in various States of the country during this year and how does it compare with that of previous three years, and how does the same compare with power stations in the private sector during the same period; and

(b) what are the constraints responsible for the present power position and how do the Government propose to meet them?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) A statement containing the information required is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The present power shortage is on account of installed capacity not being commensurate with demand, unsatisfactory levels of several hydel reservoirs, low plant load factor of some thermal stations, and high transmission and distribution losses.

In order to improve availability of power, it is proposed to add about 22,200 MW capacity in the Seventh Plan. A Centrally sponsored scheme is being implemented to renovate and modernise 32 thermal stations to improve power generation from existing capacity. Measures like installation of capacitors and prevention of theft of energy are being taken to reduce T&D losses.

Statement

Plant load Factor of Thermal Power Stations from 1982-83 *to* 1985-86 (*April October*)

Thermol Power Station	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985 86 (Apr. to Oct.)
1	2	3	4	5
Central Sector :				
Badarpur	49 1	48 7	47 9	39 1
Singrauli STPS	64.2	55 7	59 3	65 0
Korba STPS		62 1	52 2	72 3